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The National Museum of the United States Air Force started the Memorial Park in 1971 as a way for units and individuals associated with the Air Force to be honored for their contributions to the Air Force. The park currently contains more than 500 memorials. Sites available for memorials are:

The Memorial Wall: The wall will hold up to 128 plaques and was constructed by Dodd's Monuments. Currently, the wall has availability for approximately 75 plaques. Plaques are mounted in the next available position. The total cost of a bronze plaque is approximately \$1,500-\$2,000.

Granite Memorial Benches: The National Museum of the United States Air Force is accepting requests for benches at this time. Currently, space is available for approximately three benches along the exterior of the Early Years Gallery. Once these spaces are filled, benches will be placed along the exterior of the Air Power Gallery. The estimated cost for a bench is \$3,500-\$6,000.

The museum is not accepting large memorials at this time due to a limited amount of space in Memorial Park.

Prior to manufacture of a memorial, engraving, etchings, words and pictures must be approved by the museum. All facts will be verified using written Air Force history.

In addition to the actual cost of having a memorial manufactured, a Memorial Park Maintenance Fee/Perpetual Care Fee must be paid. This cost varies with the type of memorial. Cost estimates stated above include the perpetual care fee.

If your organization is interested in placing a memorial at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the first step is to request an information packet. A packet can be obtained by contacting me with the information provided below. Secondly, send a letter of intent to the address above and to my attention. This letter must originate from the association or official organization and be signed by an officer. More information about this letter is available in the information packet.

The information packet with specifications and other details for each type of memorial can be obtained by contacting me at the address above, by emailing nationalmuseum.mup@wpafb.af.mil or by calling (937) 255-4704, ext. 332. Please call to schedule an appointment to ensure the best support possible.

Sincerely,

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